

REMARKS

The Applicant appreciates the courteous and complete examination of the application by the Examiner. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, a reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner indicates that in all the dependent claims, the word "fourth" should be changed to --forth--. All dependent claims in the present application have been amended to correct this informality.

The Examiner rejects claims 18, 20, 23, 24, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable over Duboy (4,467,742), in view of Kaiser (5,346,419); claims 21, 30, 32, and 33 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable over Duboy in view of Kaiser as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Laughman (3,745,961); and claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable over Duboy in view of Kaiser and further in view of Bordonni et al. (3,916,814).

The Examiner additionally objects to claims 19, 22, 25-27, 31, 34, and 35 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, "but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims."

In order to expedite the prosecution of this application, claims 18, 20-31, 32-35, and 37 have been amended to correct all informalities and to comply with the Examiner's suggestions for allowance. Claims 19 and 31 have been cancelled and the allowable language has been amended into there respect parent claim. Claims 18, 20-30, 32-37 are now in this application.

Dependent claim 19 has been cancelled and independent claim 18 has been amended to include the allowable subjected matter of cancelled claim 19, as indicated by the Examiner. Since amended claim 18 now contains the allowable subject matter of cancelled claim 19, it is therefore allowable. Claim 27 was amended to depend upon now allowable claim 18. Claims 20-29 are felt to patentably distinguish over the prior art references because of their above-mentioned dependency from amended claim 18.

Additionally, dependent claim 31 has been cancelled and independent claim 30 has been amended to include the allowable subjected matter of cancelled claim 31, as indicated by the Examiner. Since amended claim 30 now contains the allowable subject matter of cancelled claim 31, it is therefore allowable. Claim 35 was amended to

depend upon now allowable claim 30. Claims 32-35 are felt to patentably distinguish over the prior art references because of their above-mentioned dependency from amended claim 30.

Claims 36 and 37 were allowed by the Examiner.

With the above amendments being fully responsive to all outstanding rejections and formal requirements, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner feel that there are further issues which might be resolved by means of telephone interview, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at (403) 444-5695, or email at davidguerra@verizon.net.

No additional fee is due.

Respectfully Submitted,



David A. Guerra, Reg. 46,443

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

On (Date) August 9, 2006 by David A. Guerra

